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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL REACTION: JAPANESE MILITARY AID TO ROK

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1. EDITORIAL RESPONSE TO STORY OF POSSIBLE JAPANESE AID FOR MODERNIZATION ROK ARMED FORCES UNIFORMLY NEGATIVE. GENERAL FEAR EXPRESSED THAT IF JAPAN GAINS MILITARY INFLUENCE ON PENINSULA IT WOULD NOT ACT IN BEST INTERESTS OF ROK IN DEALING WITH SOVIET UNION, PRC, AND NORTH KOREA.

2. GOVERNMENT OWNED SEOUL SINMUN, THE CHUNGANG ILBO, KYONGHYANG SHINMUN, HANGUK ILBO, AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE KOREA TIMES EXPRESSED STRONG OPPOSITION TO CONCEPT OF JAPANESE MILITARY AID. EDITORIALS ALONG SAME GENERAL LINES AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. MODERNIZATION OF ROK ARMED FORCES IS "MORAL RESPONSIBILITY" OF U.S.

B. TURNING OVER PART OF RESPONSIBILITY TO JAPAN WOULD AFFECT KOREA'S SECURITY: JAPAN WOULD GAIN MILITARY INFLUENCE
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IN ROK.

C. JAPANESE AID TO KOREA SHOULD BE PURELY ECONOMIC.

D. RATHER THAN ASSIST IN THE ROK MOD PLAN, THE U.S. SHOULD
ATTEMPT TO HAVE JAPAN PAY FOR THE U.S. FORCES STATIONED
IN JAPAN, FREEING U.S. FUNDS FOR KOREA.

3. TONGA ILBO OPPOSED DIRECT MILITARY ASSISTANCE, BUT RAN
LESS NEGATIVE STORY THAN OTHER PAPERS. ADMITTED POSSIBILITY
INDIRECT JAPANESE MILITARY AID IF GIVEN AS PART OF U.S.-JAPAN
MUTUAL SECURITY AGREEMENT AND GIVEN THROUGH U.S. AS AMERICAN
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